

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket
Number: 29409-01

As a below named joint inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, P.O. address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject which is claimed and for which a U.S. Letters Patent is sought on the invention entitled **WHEELED TRIMMER**, and as described in the specification filed herewith in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and; insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Titled 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

the specification filed herewith, title listed above
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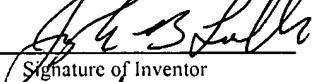
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